

# Schools Library Service Newsletter

Summer 2003



## Chartermark Award For SLS!

For those who didn't know, in November 2002 SLS were awarded this prestigious award for excellence in public service for the second time. We would like to thank all our customers for their support. We will continue to strive for better services.

## Best Value Inspection

Some of you will be aware that SLS were involved in Caerphilly Library Services Best Value Inspection. This was undertaken by Estyn and the Audit Commission. The whole service was awarded a 2\*\* rating.

## Training at SLS

We have hosted a number of very successful training events in the past few months.



Reading for  
Boys for  
Primary &  
Secondary

level was fully booked. In fact it was so popular that Primary schools have asked us to run it again. This will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2003.

## Library Forum

The Primary & Secondary Forums meet once a term. SLS use them to consult customers on matters such as training, author visits, and the development & improvement of services. School library staff can share good practice and keep up to date with the latest developments. Why not come along! Next meetings.

### Primary Forum

6<sup>th</sup> November 4pm at SLS

### Secondary Forum

19<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm at  
Oakdale Comprehensive  
Library

## Opening Hours Review

SLS have opened until 6.30 pm on Wednesday evenings. Very few customers have used this facility, and so we propose to open early or late on request, subject to staff availability. If you have any comments please contact

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## SLS Statistics 2002/2003

Number of items loaned to schools **221,140**  
Number of projects requested by schools **2,697**

Total Number of Complaints **5**

Comments on the lack of stock **3**  
Comments on inappropriate content in books **2**

## Cost of Running the Service

Caerphilly **£145,301**



Blaenau Gwent **£60,766**

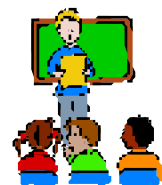
Vaynor & Penderyn High(Merthyr) **£608** (Spring Term only)

GEST (Caerphilly) **£5,000**

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### Author Visits

25<sup>th</sup> Sept Bob Hartman  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept Phil Carradice  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct Colin West  
13<sup>th</sup> Nov Bernard Ashley  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov Ronda & David Armittage  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan George Leyton  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb Liz Million  
18<sup>th</sup> March Inigo Jones  
26<sup>th</sup> April Lesley Howarth  
6<sup>th</sup> May Nick Sharratt



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